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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS VIEWS ON POSSIBILITIES FOR
PROGRESS

1. GEORGE PELAGHIAS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CYPRUS
FOREIGN MINISTRY, TELEPHONED COUNSELOR NIMETZ NOON (WASH-
INGTON TIME) JULY 27.

2. PELAGHIAS SAID HE WAS SPEAKING TO NIMETZ BOTH AS A
FRIEND AND ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU. HE
CALLED NIMETZ' ATTENTION TO STATEMENT ISSUED BY KYPRIANOU
AND CYPRIOT ACTIONS TO CONTAIN AND LIMIT NEGATIVE REACTIONS
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TO SENATE VOTE.

3. PELAGHIAS STATED THAT GOC IS WORKING VERY HARD FOR
PROGRESS AND REFERRED TO GOC'S VAROSHA OFFER WHICH WAS AN
EFFORT TO "PRESENT SOMETHING WHICH WOULD BRING THE TWO SIDES
NEARER TOGETHER." PELAGHIAS NOTED THAT THEIR OFFER TO
RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH "OPEN AGENDA" AS SOON AS VAROSHA

RESETTLEMENT WAS MOVING FORWARD HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY
PELAGHIAS AND NIMETZ IN NEW YORK.

4. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, ACCORDING TO PELAGHIAS, WOULD
SINCERELY LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS MADE ON CYPRUS ISSUE.
HOWEVER, DENKTASH, THEY FEAR, HAS "WITHDRAWN INTO HIS DEN."
PELAGHIAS STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOW DO MORE
ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE. HE WAS REFLECTING ON WHAT COULD BE
DONE AFTER THE VOTE IN THE CONGRESS AND SAID HE WOULD BE
IN TOUCH AGAIN AFTER THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-
TIVES. NIMETZ ASSURED PELAGHIAS THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS
FROM HIGHEST LEVELS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT TO WORK ACTIVELY
FOR POSITIVE RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AND TO
CONTRIBUTE TO A JUST RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE. THE
USG WOULD CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY ANY IDEAS PUT FORWARD
BY THE GOC. CHRISTOPHER

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